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Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death, 79 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports an additional death from COVID-19: a man in his 50s who had been living in a long-term care facility. The total number of deaths is now 352.

“We offer our sincere sympathies to his family and friends,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department.

The health department also reports 79 new cases of COVID-19 since Monday. The total number of cases is now 17,787. Currently, 40 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 38.

The new cases are

- 1 woman in her 80s
- 4 women in their 70s
- 4 women in their 60s
- 4 women in their 50s
- 6 women in their 40s
- 16 women in their 30s
- 5 women in their 20s
- 4 girls younger than 13
- 1 girl infant 1 or younger
- 1 man in his 80s
- 2 men in their 70s
- 2 men in their 60s
- 2 men in their 50s
- 5 men in their 40s
- 8 men in their 30s
- 6 men in their 20s
- 1 man in his teens
- 7 boys younger than 13

No additional information regarding these cases is available due to federal privacy laws.

We all must continue to work to prevent further spread of COVID-19 by:

- Getting vaccinated as soon as you can. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find your shot. RICHD offers walk-in vaccines on Tuesdays (Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) and Fridays (Pfizer). The hours for both days are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.
- Staying home when you are sick.

- Wearing a face covering. A mandate from Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker requires that everyone 2 and older wear a mask in public indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status. The CDC recommends that everyone age 2 and older wear a mask in counties of high or substantial transmission, which includes almost every county in the country.
- Keeping 6 feet of physical distance from others in public if you have not been fully vaccinated
- Washing your hands frequently.

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